

## Code of Conduct

### All conferences, meetings, and activities.

The Missouri SkillsUSA activities are designed to be an educational function and all plans are made with that objective. The Conferences represent Missouri SkillsUSA's most significant meetings of the year. The National Association of Secondary School Principals and the National Association of State Supervisors of Trade and Industrial Education approve them as major educational activities.

Missouri SkillsUSA will adhere to the smoke-free and tobacco use policy for all meetings and conferences as established by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and will designate smoking areas.

Missouri SkillsUSA wants every person to have an enjoyable experience with every attention paid to safety and comfort. All participants will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner best representing the nation's greatest student organization. In order that everyone may receive the maximum benefits from their participation, the "Code of Conduct," as established by the Missouri SkillsUSA Executive Council, must be followed at all times.

**Note that attendance is not mandatory.** By voluntarily participating, you agree to follow the official conference rules and regulations or forfeit your personal rights to participate.

1. I will, at all times, respect all public and private property, including the hotel or motel in which I am housed.
2. I will spend each night in the room of the hotel or motel to which I am assigned.
3. I will strictly abide by the curfew established and shall respect the rights of others by being as quiet as possible after curfew.
4. I will not remain in the sleeping room of the opposite sex unless the door is completely open at all times, unless the person is my legal spouse.
5. I will not use alcoholic beverages. I will not use drugs unless I have been ordered to take certain prescription medications by a licensed physician.  
If I am required to take medication, I will, at all times, have the orders of the physician on my person.
6. I will not leave the hotel or motel without the express permission of my local chapter advisor. Should I receive permission, I will leave a written notice of where I will be.
7. My conduct shall be exemplary at all times.
8. I will keep my local advisor or state SkillsUSA director informed of my whereabouts at all times.
9. I will, when required, wear my official identification badge.
10. I will respect official SkillsUSA attire and not smoke while wearing it.
11. I will attend, and be on time for, all general sessions and activities that I am assigned to and registered for.
12. I will adhere to the dress code at all required times.

### Violations and Penalties

I agree that if, for any reason, I am in violation of any of the rules of the conference I am attending, I may be brought before the appropriate discipline committee for an analysis of the violation. I also agree to accept the penalty imposed on me. I understand that any penalty and reasons for it will be explained to me before it is carried out. I further realize that the severity of the penalty may increase with the severity of the violation, even to the extent of being immediately sent home at my own expense.

1. Violations of Items 1 through 6 of the "Code of Conduct" will be grounds for disqualification, immediate removal from office or competition and relinquishment of awards and recognition. In

addition, the violator will be sent home at his or her own expense. Notification of the violation and the action taken will be sent to the participant's local school administrator and parents or guardians. The participant's entire voting delegation could be unseated due to the violation, and the candidates or competitors from the participant's local school and chapter could be disqualified as well.

2. Violations of Items 7 through 12 will result in a warning and reprimand. Notification of the violation and the action taken will be sent to the participant's local school district administration and parents or guardians. Repeated violations of Items 7 through 12 may result in the participant being sent home at his/her own expense.

It is within the spirit of being a proud and meaningful member of SkillsUSA that I agree to these rules of conduct by signing my name to this document